

AT EXPENSE OF MORGAN

Taft Will Go to Peace Dinner on Morgan's Money

New York, Dec. 23.—More than 1,500 have already purchased tickets for the peace dinner to be held here next Saturday night and the affair will be numerically at least, the biggest of its kind ever held. President Taft is to be the guest of honor and he will come from Washington with nearly all the members of the cabinet and staff.

J. Pierpont Morgan volunteered to furnish a private car for the transportation of the president and his party. Then came acceptance of invitations from nearly every ambassador in Washington and the committee desired to bring them here and send them back to their homes. But one car would not hold them all. A careful reckoning made it certain that at least three private cars would be needed, and maybe four. This meant a wholly unexpected expense, but the difficulty was smoothed away when Mr. Morgan was told about it. "I'll pay," he said.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Girl Richly Dressed but Unknown Is Fatally Injured

New York, Dec. 23.—An automobile accident, which will probably result in the death of a young woman whose identity is a mystery, occurred on a Brooklyn boulevard near Coney Island early today. The automobile was the property of Charles McLaughlin, an iron millionaire who lives on Riverside drive, but he declared at his home that he was not aware that the machine had been taken from the garage.

The automobile was returning from Coney Island at high speed when it crashed into a truck. Two young men and a young woman were in the car. The girl, about 23 years old, was dressed richly and wore diamonds which the police appraised at several thousand dollars. The two men, who declined to give their names, escaped with bruises, but the girl's spine was injured and the hospital surgeons declared that she could not live.

POOR FAMILIES FED BY THE BUGS

Chicago, Dec. 23.—More than 125 persons, members of thirty poor families, will be made happy as a result of the annual dinner last night of the Bugs society of the Chicago Athletic association.

For the first time the 200 businessmen, who styled themselves "Bugs," gave their dinner for the benefit of the poor. The dinner was just as elaborate and the business just as amusing as in former years, but the entire proceeds were given to purchase warm clothing, food, fuel and other things for thirty poor families.

The families to be benefitted were selected by the wives of the "Bugs" after two weeks of investigation.

Every child of the thirty families was questioned and will receive just exactly what he or she wanted for Christmas whether it is a toy goose, or a fur-lined coat.

Twelve automobiles, loaded with "Bugs" and good things to eat and wear will start out Sunday to make the distributions. In addition to the toys, trinkets and clothing each family will receive a ton of coal and food sufficient to last a month.

ROOSEVELT'S STATEMENT

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York Evening Post today quotes Theodore Roosevelt on the recent correspondence between him and George R. Shelden, treasurer of the Republican National committee, concerning the Hartman contributions as follows:

"Mr. Shelden asked me why the truth had not been stated and very kindly volunteered to make the statement. I told him I much appreciated his courtesy and would be glad to have him do so."

THEY SAIL FOR THE CANAL ZONE

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Jules Jusserand, and Mme. Jusserand of France, Minister and Mrs. J. L. Loucheur of the Netherlands, and United States Attorney General and Mrs. Wickersham sailed today for a visit to the canal zone.

An elaborate reception was tendered Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand by local and French societies before the ship sailed.

FIRMNESS OF STOCKS

No Unusual Stress in the New York Money Market

New York, Dec. 23.—The volume of trading in stocks was cut down sharply this week by the approach of the holiday and by doubts as to the course of the money market in view of the year-end requirements. The stock market possessed a considerable degree of firmness, which held prices fairly steady. The Gould securities were weakened by the appointment of receivers for the Wash. and the financial condition of this road is so well known that this development upon the general list.

Money rates held steady through the week, with the most insistent demand for year-end accommodation coming from Berlin. There were no indications of unusual stress in the local market.

The most marked manifestation of industrial improvement, copper metal reached the highest price for nearly three years. The demand for steel products was maintained upon an enlarged scale and there were indications that the railroads would be heavy buyers within the next few weeks.

NEW YORK SHORT ON NEW MONEY

New York, Dec. 23.—On the last business day before Christmas New York discovered that there was a "famine" in new money. At the sub-treasury it was said today that the supply of crisp, unissued bills and shilling coins, which it is usual to distribute at this season of the year to persons and institutions which wish them for Christmas gifts, had been virtually exhausted. Individuals who wished small amounts of new currency in exchange for their torn or soiled bills were accommodated at the sub-treasury so long as they asked for small amounts, but there was no large supply for the banks to draw upon.

Each year the banks are subjected to a heavy demand for new money and formerly they had no difficulty in obtaining it from the sub-treasury. Secretary MacVeagh made a ruling some months ago, however, which upset this procedure. His ruling was to the effect that where there was sufficient in the nearest sub-treasury to meet demands, the government would not pay the cost of transporting new bills or coins merely to meet the preferences of the banks.

Those banks which wished unusual supplies of unused currency have consequently been obliged to pay the cost of transporting it from the mint. Where they were willing to meet this charge the treasury department accommodated them.

OGDEN WHOLESALE PRODUCE

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 23.—Butter—Creamery, extra in cartons, 35c; creamery, firsts, 34c; cooking, 25c; ranch, 20c.

Eggs—Eastern, 16 1-2; Utah, 16; Utah mild, 15 1-2; Y. A., 17.

Sugar—Per case of 30 lbs., \$7.50.

Grain—Can, \$6.80; beet, \$6.50.

Chicago Produce

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Butter, standard, 26 1/2c; dairies, 23 1/2c; Eggs, weaker; receipts 1,641 cases; 23 1/2c; cases included, 18 1/2c; firsts, 23 1/2c; prime firsts, 27 1/2c; Cheese—Steady; dairies, 16 1-2 to 1-3; twins, 16 1-2 to 1-3; young Americans, 16 1-2 to 1-3; long horns, 16 1-2 to 1-3.

Omaha Livestock

Omaha, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts 100. Market steady. Native steers \$5.00 to \$5.50; cows and heifers \$3.25 to \$5.75; western steers \$3.50 to \$5.25; range cows and heifers \$3.00 to \$5.25; canners \$2.80 to \$3.00; stockers and feeders \$3.25 to \$4.00; pigs \$3.50 to \$5.00; bulls, steers, etc., \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Hogs—Receipts 6,700. Market steady to lower; heavy \$6.00 to \$6.20; mixed \$5.95 to \$6.10; light \$5.90 to \$6.10; pigs \$4.25 to \$5.75; bulk of sales \$5.35 to \$6.10.

Sheep—Receipts 400. Market steady—Yearlings \$4.10 to \$4.80; wethers \$3.50 to \$4.10; ewes \$3.00 to \$3.15; lambs \$5.25 to \$6.25.

Chicago Livestock

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 200; market steady; beefs \$4.80 to \$5.00; Texas steers \$4.20 to \$5.75; western steers \$4.50 to \$5.80; stockers and feeders \$3.25 to \$5.05; cows and heifers \$2.90 to \$5.00; calves \$5.00 to \$5.25.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 13,000; market steady to shade up; light \$6.50 to \$6.75; mixed \$5.85 to \$6.30; heavy \$5.90 to \$6.30; rough \$5.90 to \$6.05; good to choice heavy \$6.05 to \$6.30; pigs \$4.50 to \$5.70; bulk of sales \$5.00 to \$6.20.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 2,000; market steady; native \$2.50 to \$4.10; Market steady; 12,500 to 14,000; yearlings \$4.25 to \$5.25; lambs, native, \$4.00 to \$5.30; western \$4.25 to \$5.25.

Kansas City Livestock

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts 200, including no southern. Market steady. Native steers \$5.25 to \$5.75; southern steers \$4.50 to \$5.50; cow and heifers \$3.00 to \$5.00; native cows and heifers \$2.50 to \$5.00; stockers and feeders \$4.00 to \$5.00; bulls \$3.00 to \$4.00; calves \$4.00 to \$5.00; western steers \$4.50 to \$5.00; western cows \$3.00 to \$5.00.

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CUBAN IS A FAST RUNNER

But He Cannot Hit a Curved Ball, Says McGraw

New York, Dec. 23.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York National league baseball club, which is just back from its successful invasion of the Cuban ballplayers. "He is a fast runner," says McGraw, "but a fast runner." "These Cubans are only fair players," is the way McGraw puts it. "They are as fast as lightning on the bases and they can throw to beat the ball. They have picked up all the knicks of fielding but they cannot hit."

They know nothing about inside ball and we were able to out-think them most of the time. In an opposing pitcher they look for speed and usually they hit a fast ball, but when they try to solve the mysteries of a curve they churn the air."

MOROCCO'S POOR LAND

No Place for a German, and That Is Pleasing

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The bitterness and disappointment of the Pen-Germans over the failure of Germany to acquire a part of Southern Morocco (the Sus territory) in the negotiations with France may find some alleviation in the report of the scientists of the Hamburg-Moroccan company of Hamburg on their explorations in the Sus.

In this report, laid before the directors of the company, it is declared that neither the climate nor the soil conditions of Southern Morocco fit it for colonization nor even for agriculture. The existence of some beds of iron ore is reported, but the investigators are not able to say definitely whether the ore exists in workable quantities and qualities. They are of the opinion, however, that none of the concessionaries of iron mines in Southern Morocco had yet discovered deposits of profitable workable ore.

The company decided, in view of the report, to make no further efforts at this time toward the acquisition of land in that territory. However, further investigations into the metallic resources of the country will be made.

Germany now has in operation seventeen dirigible balloons, eleven belonging to the army and six to private owners. Nine others are being built or rebuilt and will be in service by the end of the year. Many types are represented, but the Zeppelin and Parseval predominate. France has but one dirigible, Austria-Hungary four, Russia five and Spain and Italy two each.

In their constant search for means of increasing the efficiency of army balloons in time of war the German military authorities have equipped the newest Zeppelin army balloon with an anchor which is expected to make it possible to land on any ground and under any but the most adverse wind conditions. The destruction of the Zeppelin II at Beilburg followed the tearing of the balloon loose from its moorings. The new anchor has been tried out in a wind of twenty to twenty-five miles an hour, and it worked to perfection.

At a meeting of the Society of German Naval Architects a new kind of screw propeller for ships was described. The inventor is Dr. R. Wagner, the chief engineer of the "Vulkan Works," of Stettin, which has built most of the fast German ocean liners. The invention consists of a second propeller mounted behind the working propeller, but not itself revolving. Its blades are set in the reverse direction to those of the real propeller, and have the function of checking the swirling movement of the water set in motion by them, which involves a considerable loss of power. Stated in other words, the second propeller tends to hold the water in position so that the revolving blades of the working propeller can act upon it with greater force.

Dr. Wagner said that the invention had been in use for some time on a number of small vessels and that the experiments had showed that it affords an average saving of 15 per cent in power over the old form of propeller.

The Reichstag has given the first reading to a bill appropriating about \$11,000,000 for completing the Central Railway of German East Africa to Ujiji on Lake Tanganyika. The road is already in operation to within 53 miles of Tabora, the chief trading center of the table-land south of Lake Victoria Nyanza, and will reach that town next spring, a distance of 525 miles from its starting point at Dar-es-Salaam on the coast.

From Tabora to Ujiji is another 255 miles, making a total length of the road 790 miles. It is planned to establish a motor-boat or steamboat service on Lake Tanganyika after the road reaches Ujiji, and it is believed that a considerable freight traffic for it can be built up on this great inland sea of 400 miles in length, as there are various promising agricultural regions adjacent to it.

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SUFFERED DELUSION

Farmer Sets Fire to His Clothes and Then Shoots Himself

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23.—Suffering with the delusion that he was pursued by Ku-Klux Klan whitecaps for a crime of which he was innocent, Henry Ford, a bachelor and farmer, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a shotgun at his home near Dearborn yesterday.

Before shooting himself Ford satiated his delusion with kerosene and touched a match to it in an effort to burn himself and his home. His body was discovered by James Sherwood, who lives half a mile away and who saw smoke coming from the two-room cottage in which Ford lived. He found Ford dead, with his head and right leg burned to a crisp.

SALT LAKE WOMAN COMMITTS SUICIDE

Salt Lake, Dec. 23.—While her aged parents were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary at their home in Clifton, Idaho, Sunday, where she was a guest, Mrs. George E. Porter, wife of George E. Porter of McKinley street, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid. The funeral was held at Clifton Wednesday afternoon and was attended by Porter. Yesterday Porter and Mrs. Sarah L. Clinkenbeard, who has been his housekeeper, obtained a marriage license at the county clerk's office. They were not at home last night.

TAFT MADE A MISTAKE

He Failed to Recognize a Treaty with Great Britain

London, Dec. 23.—The Hay-Pauncefote treaty of 1902, between Great Britain and Ireland and the United States, is quoted today against President Taft's suggestion in his message to congress on December 21 that preferential treatment should be accorded to American ships passing through the Panama canal.

After reproducing the clause of article III of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, relating to the canal, shall be open to the vessels of all nations on terms of entire equality in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise, the Pall Mall Gazette comments on President Taft's proposal as follows:

"It might be good business for the United States to get over the trifling difficulty that she has solemnly undertaken that she would do nothing of the kind. We trust that Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, will take steps to make the British view perfectly explicit and even British Ambassador Bryce at Washington will for once show some vigilance on behalf of our commercial interests."

Clause I of Article III of the treaty referring to the Panama canal, which was proclaimed on February 22, 1902, is textually as follows:

"The canal shall be free and open to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations observing these rules, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any such nation, or its citizens or subjects, in respect of the conditions or charges of traffic or otherwise. Such conditions and charges of traffic shall be just and equitable."

The rules referred to are substantially those embodied in the convention of Constantinople signed October 28, 1888, for the free navigation of the Suez canal.

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THUGS TO BE DRIVEN OUT

Following an Attack Made on a Lone Woman

New York, Dec. 23.—A police cleanup of gangsters and bad men in the Brooklyn factory district is expected today, following a thug's attack last night on Miss May Delaney, who is only 23, but who is president and manager of the Delaney Coopers company, a concern of which she took charge a year ago, following the death of her father. She left the cooperative plant late yesterday and started home, carrying a handbag containing \$500 in bills. Soon after she left her office, the girl saw a man following close behind her. At a deserted street corner he leaped upon her, clutched her throat and grabbed the handbag. She put up a desperate fight, but was badly injured by repeated blows in the face from the robber's fist. When assistance came she was nearly unconscious, but still gripped the handbag. Her assailant escaped.

LONDON'S RAILWAYS

Will Be Increased by a Diminutive Under- ground Road

London, Dec. 23.—Should George V. lose his snug fitting crown he could make a good living as a stock raiser. At the annual Smithfield Cattle show at the agricultural hall the king was one of the heaviest prize winners.

In the class for young Devon steers the royal farm at Windsor took first and third prizes and in the next class for Devon steers above two and not exceeding three years of age, the king gained first prize as well as the breed cup, won by Captain, a splendid animal weighing 1582 pounds.

With his Herfords the king took two seconds for the steer classes and a first with a heifer of that breed. Marmaduke, a handsome steer bred at Windsor, took first prize in the short-horn class of young steers. In the class for Highland cattle the king placed his Scotch subjects by capturing one first and two seconds. His Southdown sheep also gained a first prize for the crowned farmer, bred at Windsor.

The Royal farmer was a keen contender for the ribbon offered for the best beast in the show and his prize winning steer Marmaduke was paraded before the judges in this competition, but the coveted trophy went to Village Lassie, a shorthorn belonging to W. T. Garne & Son of Aldworth, Gloucestershire.

The National Memorial window to John Bunyan in the north transept of Westminster Abbey has been completed and it will be unveiled to the public on January 25. The memorial to the "inspired thinker" was designed by J. N. Cooper and executed at a cost of \$6,000, raised by subscriptions from admirers of "Pilgrim's Progress." The success of the project has been mainly due, however, to the Baptist community, on whose behalf the memorial will be tended ever to the Dean and Chapter.

The window, designed in two sections, illustrates scenes from Bunyan's immortal dream. It is illuminated by four lights in each section and a headlight above. The window is the first tribute of any importance in London to the memory of Bunyan, who lies buried in Bunhill Fields.

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STRIKERS GET GIFTS

From the Man for Whom They Refuse to Work

Censhohocken, Pa., Dec. 23.—Unique in the history of labor strikes is a Christmas gift being distributed here today. Victor Mauck, president of the John Wood Manufacturing company, has set aside a fund of \$2,000 which is being distributed in gifts of \$5 and \$10 each to every one of the 200 men who have been out on strike for ten weeks at his plant.

Mr. Mauck says his gift is inspired by a desire that every one of his old employees can be sure of a good Christmas dinner.

AUTO CAUGHT ON A RAILROAD CROSSING

New York, Dec. 23.—Long Island railroad crossings have been the death traps of many automobilists, but the long chain of accidents has never included one just like the Dr. John A. Quail, a Brooklyn physician, driving a forty-horsepower touring car was stalled on the railroad tracks near Freeport just before midnight. When he attempted to start the machine it skidded and became wedged tightly between the rails. Dr. Quail stood helpless as an express train smashed his \$4,000-machine to bits.

WRECK ON WABASH

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 23.—Wabash passenger train No. 12, St. Louis to Chicago, was derailed at a switch at Knight's station, three miles southwest of Decatur at 2:15 this morning, every car leaving the track, and the express being turned on end.

C. J. Repp, express messenger, was badly injured, his head being cut and a finger torn off. Several others were slightly injured. A broken switch was suggested by the crew as the cause of the accident.

STATEMENT OF NEW YORK BANK

New York, Dec. 23.—The statement of the clearing house for the week ending Dec. 22, 1911, shows that the banks had \$12,747,200 reserve in excess of local requirements. This is a decrease of \$2,224,050 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Daily Average.
Loans \$1,857,092,000; increase \$15,316,000.
Specie \$315,500,000; increase \$3,742,000.
Legal tenders \$83,432,000; decrease \$610,000.
Net deposits \$1,807,100,000; increase \$28,051,000.
Circulation \$51,020,000; decrease \$60,000.
Banks' cash reserve in vault \$336,640,000.
Trust companies' cash reserve in vault \$62,298,